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LB 147, 591, 689, 751  
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judges would be allocated by the Judicial Resources Commission. It's quite likely that that commission would allocate them to Douglas County, given the large caseload that they have there, but that is not an absolute requirement and it would be up to the commission to decide. In the amended form now it would add one additional juvenile court judge. I think that it is necessary. I think we need to realize that there is a backlog of cases at all levels and that litigation is becoming more complex, more people are resorting to the courts and it's really not a question of trying to reduce the workload for any particular judge, it is a question of reducing the backlog and cases that do not necessarily get heard. And I think this will be one mechanism at making the system a little more efficient, a little equitable and a little more fair to the parties who will be involved in the cases that these particular courts will hear. So I would urge you to vote in favor of LB 147 in its amended form. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of LB 147 to E & R Engrossing. Machine vote has been requested. Record vote. Those in favor of the advancement of the bill vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 1353 of the Legislative Journal.) 31 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 147.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 147 is advanced. The A bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, may I read some things before we get to the A bill?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Certainly, proceed.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on General Affairs whose Chair is Senator Smith, to whom was referred LB 591, instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation that it be advanced to General File with amendments; and LB 751 indefinitely postponed. (See pages 1353-55 of the Legislative Journal.) Health Committee reports LB 689 to General File with amendments. (See pages 1355-56 of the Legislative Journal.) Those are signed by the respective Chairs.

New resolution, Mr. President, LR 63. (Read brief description